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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 60.5 degrees, 10.6 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 29. Precipitation averaged 0.30 inches, 0.13 inches below normal.

Reporters rated 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 27. This is 1.1 days behind 1999 and 0.1 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 3 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2000	5.3	4.9	131.6
1999	6.4	5.9	172.0
1995-1999	5.4	5.6	147.8

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	3	91	6
Last Week	0	2	89	9
Same Week Last Year	18	41	41	0
1995-1999 Average	5	22	68	5

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

**Corn** advanced 15 points to 52 percent harvested. This is 14 days behind 1999 and one day behind the 1995-99 average. **Soybeans** are 86 percent harvested, six days behind last year and one day behind the 1995-99 average.

**Winter wheat** is 92 percent planted, four days behind 1999 and four days behind the 1995-99 average. Winter wheat is 69 percent emerged. This is six days behind last year and one day behind the 1995-99 average.

**Alfalfa hay** fourth cutting is 95 percent complete, 19 days behind 1999. **Tobacco** is 24 percent stripped, compared to 19 percent stripped last year at this time. **Fall and winter apples** are 90 percent harvested. Last year at this time, apples were 91 percent harvested.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The corn and soybean harvest continue to progress more slowly than average due to unfavorable weather conditions. Recent rains and foggy conditions have slowed harvest somewhat in the Northwest district. Some soybeans in that area reportedly have two to three weeks before they are ready for harvest. Reporters in central Ohio expressed the need for a heavy frost to kill tough weeds in soybeans. Throughout the state, reporters mentioned problems with fallen corn due to root diseases and heavy winds. In Richland county, organic crops are reportedly very weedy due to excess rain and an inability to cultivate.

In the Northeast district, the fruit harvest is nearing completion. Apples were average to above average in quantity and quality. The pumpkin harvest and cider pressing are now in full swing.

Reporters rated pasture conditions 69 percent good to excellent. Consequently, livestock are reported in very good condition. Weather permitting, growers are looking forward to using pastures as feed well into the fall. Producers in Guernsey county are busy weaning and selling calves.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (fall & winter) harvested	90	91	NA	89	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	95	100	NA	88	NA
Corn harvested for grain	52	77	54	37	78
Soybeans harvested	86	93	88	73	84
Tobacco stripped	24	19	NA	19	NA
Winter wheat planted	92	95	94	82	75
Winter wheat emerged	69	81	72	44	41

**PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29**

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week1	5	19	49	26	26
Previous Week	1	4	24	48	23
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE					
Current Week	1	6	24	54	15
Previous Week	2	4	23	55	16
Previous Year	17	27	34	20	2
WHEAT					
Current Week	0	1	21	63	15
Previous Week	0	1	25	61	13
Previous Year	0	3	20	61	16

**WEATHER INFORMATION TABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29**

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	59.9	10.9	0.40	-0.06	28.55	6.23	69	31	3149	29
North Central	59.4	10.2	0.41	0.01	28.98	6.03	67	29	3033	-39
Northeast	57.8	9.0	0.57	0.10	25.73	1.62	60	23	2854	-60
West Central	61.3	11.6	0.13	-0.29	28.40	4.86	76	34	3275	24
Central	61.5	11.4	0.22	-0.14	27.33	2.85	74	30	3297	2
Central Hills	59.8	10.9	0.45	0.07	26.64	2.34	68	28	3005	-44
Northeast Hills	58.5	9.0	0.52	0.11	26.08	1.94	63	21	2972	-133
Southwest	62.8	11.8	0.06	-0.40	28.53	3.18	81	34	3422	-43
South Central	62.1	10.8	0.12	-0.37	24.92	0.04	78	26	3529	19
Southeast	60.3	10.2	0.27	-0.18	23.44	-1.30	70	23	3296	-9
STATE	<b>60.5</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>-0.13</b>	<b>26.80</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3205</b>	<b>-20</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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